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Title:Need to lift the ceiling of 5% on appointment on compassionate grounds in the services of the Union territory of Chandigarh. − Laid.

SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL (CHANDIGARH): Chandigarh U.T. follows Service Conditions of Punjab, but sometimes the relevant rules of Punjab are not extended to the U.T. causing great injustice to the employees there. Realising the difficulties faced by the dependents of employees who die in harness, the Punjab Government recently lifted the cap of 5% on jobs granted on compassionate grounds and has declared that at least one dependant of every deceased employee will get an appropriate employment with the State Government. However, despite persistent demands and full justification thereof, the U.T. Administrator continues to deny jobs on compassionate grounds to a large number or otherwise eligible applicants on the ground that such appointments cannot be made beyond the quota of 5%. This has caused great injustice to many, many persons who with the passing away of the sole bread earner of the family are reduced to a state of penury. There is no valid reason to deny jobs to them, when State of Punjab had done so.

I urge the Government to immediately lift the ceiling of 5% in case of U.T. Chandigarh and immediately offer jobs to all whose applications in this regard are pending.